Rate of special allowance for every 4 points rise or fall in CPI Number beyond 753 for Industrial Workers to be adjusted on half yearly basis in October and April.

	Above ground	Below ground
Unskilled	8 paise	10 paise
Semi-skilled	10 ,,	12 ,,
Skilled/Clerical	12 ,,	15 ,,

Plant Protection Umbrella in Haryana

1822. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Haryana has devised a plant protection umbrella as reported in the 'Economic Times' of the 20th October, 1988; and

(b) whether it is based on Integrated Pest Management and Biological Control technology now fully developed in India and elsewhere which reduces danger posed by chemical pesticides in respect of resistance amongst vectors and pests occupational health hazards and pesticide poisoning etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) The Government of Haryana has reported that no specific new strategy has been devised for the current year. Plant protection measures constitute a continuing activity of the State Government.

(b) Integrated Pest Management including biological control is being popularised in Haryana to reduce the side effects of chemical pesticides.

Atrocities on Nath Community

1823. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the houses of 45 families belonging to the Nath Community were burnt on 21-8-88 and 11-9-88 in Assam Zilelao Village in Pali District of Rajasthan allegedly by Rawat Rajputs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken to arrest persons found responsibile for this and what action has been taken against them; and

(d) the steps being taken to provide security to these families.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) to (d) The information will be laid on the Table of the House.

Import of Pesticides for Cotton Heliothis Pest

1824. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether imports of four new pesticides has been permitted for cotton Heliothis pest and if so, the details thereof indicating the loss as appeared in the 'Newstime' of the 27th October, 1988;

(b) whether these four chemicals have been field tested by ICAR or CIL before clearance and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these four chemicals are already registered in India after requisite tests and formalities as per the Act;

(d) whether Government had obtained authentic official reports from Govern-

ment sources of successful use of these pesticides in user countries or manufacturers' country and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether it is a fact that AICRP on Biological control units show that Helio this can be controlled through Biological methods and if so, the reasons for non-application of this method on a large massive scale?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. One time permission or import has been granted under section 9(3B) of the Insecticides Act, 1968 to 4 new insecticides namely, Triazophos, Methomyl, Fenpropathrin and Fluvalinate for control of Heliothis and white fly on cotton crop in Andhra Pradesh. The quantities permitted are:

Fenpropathrin	–	110 MT Technical
Fluvalinate	–	250 MT Technical
Methomyl	–	67 MT Technical & 1.3 lakh litres of formulation equivalent to 31 MT Technical.
Triazophos	–	400 Kilo Litres Technical concentrate

The State Government has reported an estimated loss of Rs. 600 crores to farmers due to pest attack on cotton crop during 1987-88.

(b) to (d) These four chemicals have been provisionally registered under Section 9(3B) of the Insecticides Act, 1968 according to the norms laid down for this purpose. The available results from field tests conducted by ICAR and Agricultural Universities regarding their effectiveness were taken into consideration while granting provisional registration to them.

(e) The Biological control is only one component of Integrated Pest Management which is at present recommended for the suppression of Heliothis population. Biological control alone cannot be relied upon though application of NPV (Nuclear Polyhydrosis virus), inundative release of egg parasite Trichogramma and egg-larval parasite Chilonus have been reported to extend fairly good control.

Visit of Indian Delegation to USSR

1825. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2980 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th August, 1988 and state whether an Indian delegation is likely to visit the Soviet Union to finalise talks/discussions which remained inconclusive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): It is upto the Indian firms which have signed the protocols of Understanding with the Soviet side, to pursue further actions. At present there is no proposal under consideration with the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation to sponsor any delegation in this regard.

Imposition of Export Obligation on Pepsico Project

1826. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that approximately 40 per cent of the project consists of Potato chips, and corn snacks and there is foreign equity of 39 per cent when S. I. A. approved the Punjab Agro-Pepsi collaboration;

(b) the reasons why an export obligation was imposed on Indian organics; and

(c) the reasons for which no specific export obligation has been imposed on Punjab Agro to export Potato and Grain products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Potato and grain processing constitutes approximately 40 per cent of the capital cost of the project. Government has approved foreign equity of 39.89 per cent.